

## The Intelligencer.

OFFICE, 25 & 27 Fourteenth St.  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1874.

**The Cremation Question.**  
We are favored this morning with the views of a Wheeling country preacher on the subject of cremation. After skimming considerably and undecidably with the question for some time he finally comes to a rather sensible conclusion, viz: that outside of the great cities of the world it is not likely to become a matter of practical moment, and therefore it matters but little what we think about it theoretically. To the people of the large cities, however, it is daily becoming a question of real concern, and for two reasons, one of which is the immense numbers of people who are buried, and the other is because of the terrible expense attending modern funerals. The item of economy is the only feature of cremation that will ever popularize it outside of the densely populated districts where the public health is likely to be affected by burials. Fashion has conspired with the undertaking business all over the land to make death doubly dreadful to the majority of people. The grim visaged monster bereaves them not only of those who are near and dear to them, but entails on those who survive expenses from which they do not escape for years. There are men in moderate circumstances, with large families, who know what it is to dread such visitations, both on account of those who are taken and those who are left. Many such men have struggled with fate in their desire to do full justice to the dead and the living, and have found their resources, perhaps their labor alone, mortgaged far into the future in order to keep up appearances. Therefore we may say, that if cremation shall ever be adopted by people generally, it will be because the modern burial system has become such an oppressive usage as to drive the public to its adoption.

In regard to the sanitary feature of the subject, the preservation of the public health, we have lately read an extract from a Paris letter, that asks the question "What shall be done with the dead?" and then goes on to speak of the situation in that great city as follows:

"Our larger cemeteries are full. A portion of them is parcelled out and sold to parties *a perpetuo*, but to those who are unable to pay the price, the limit is five years, and although the dead may be left a little longer, they are soon driven out of the ground is overturned, and room is made for others. The bones of all the poor who died ten years ago now lie in one common heap, and once more the cemeteries are filled. But the soil refuses to do its work any longer. It has become saturated and will no longer absorb. The graves are now dug in a mass of putrefaction, and exhalations are constantly rising to poison the living. Only a thin layer of earth separates the graves, and a few days ago a young and beautiful girl, the idol of her home, was lowered into a grave which filled the minds of every assistant with horror. A stream of liquid putrid matter was running in from the grave beside it. Two grave-diggers recently struck too near when opening a grave, broke open a coffin, and died in a few hours from the poisonous exhalations. Great precautions have to be taken in digging ordinary graves, for, as I have previously stated, the ground is thoroughly saturated, and can absorb no longer. The condition of the atmosphere and of the water in this vicinity is something horrible to think about, and it is not astonishing that the sickly quarters of the city should be near these great cemeteries."

The above is certainly a revolting picture of death and burial in Paris, and one that works upon our sensibilities almost as much as the idea of cremation. We all naturally shrink from contact with decay and corruption in either life or death, and we fortunately are apt to associate with burial the idea of preservation in the ground instead of loathsome decomposition. It is well for us that we hardly ever coldly speculate in our minds upon the facts that science and experience teach us, but that we always think of the dead as we last saw them and as we somehow imagine we could still find them by disinterment.

A few days ago some one, evidently a lady, wrote the following letter to Rev. Henry Ward Beecher in regard to cremation. It is of interest in this present connection and we accordingly reproduce it as follows:

DEAR SIR: For the love of all you had sacred to wait through the medium of your inspired pen to the medium of your pen, I have written to you in regard to that ghastly thing called cremation. Of course I believe that dust we are, and unto dust we must return; that we shall be raised with renewed bodies; or, as St. Paul says, "spiritual bodies," yet who is there among us that holds not sacred the beloved bodies of our precious dead? Picture to yourself the beloved bodies of your precious wife and children subjected to a fervent heat that shall destroy them utterly in an "hour and a half," as stated in one of our favorite journals. Horrible! God forbid that such a scheme shall ever prosper! Do, Mr. Beecher, use your influence in suppressing the same and oblige. Truly Yours, N. B.—Do not toss this in that receptacle for nonsense termed waste basket.

In replying to this letter Mr. Beecher, like the Wheeling country preacher, inclines to take a practical view of the question. He remarks that people are not likely to easily change customs that involve so much feeling as the disposal of the dead. But he says:

"There are many practices in connection with burial which would almost incline one to the practice of cremation—we allude to the outrageous expense which the customs of society almost compel one to incur. Coffins have become almost objects of fine art, and like the statues of art, are becoming extravagantly expensive. Except as a matter of taste this makes little difference to the rich. But the example is pernicious. The funeral expenses attending the burial of a man who has moved in good society in Brooklyn and New York, ranges from \$500 to \$1,500. The most expensive wood, wrought in the most expensive methods, with excessive ornaments by way of screws, handles, plates, scrolls, etc., the retinue of carriages, etc., all swell the bill. If by cremation the ostentatious extravagance of funerals could be abated, it would constitute a strong motive for the introduction of the custom."

But it is hardly probable, however, that the habits of generations will be changed with such precipitation as to see such thrills of alarm as have been experienced by the fair friend whose letter we insert.

It is very little matter what becomes of

the body after we have done with it. It is of a great deal more importance to consider well what will befall the soul. This is of little value, but the jewel is priceless. Here endeth the sermon.

## RECOLLECTIONS OF THE GRIST FAMILY.

Letter From an Old Lady in Her 79th Year. One of the Descendants of Rachel Grist who was Scolded Near Tradelpho in 1777.

MATAMORAS, O., May 9th, 1874.  
Editors of the Intelligencer:

I can furnish you some information in regard to the Grist family, of which you lately published an account, which will perhaps be interesting to some of your readers. I am acquainted with all the particulars concerning the family, upon the youngest daughter, Rachel Grist, who had her skull fractured by a stroke with a war club. She was also scolded and left for dead by the Indians. She was shortly afterwards discovered by a company of pack-horsemen under a tree, where it is probable she was trying to conceal herself from the Indians. When she was put on one of the pack horses and carried her to Fort Henry, in Wheeling, where she received medical aid, recovered and afterwards married Capt. Henry Jolly, became the mother of five children, four sons and one daughter, died at the age of 40 from the effects of the wounds received at the hands of the Indians, and was buried in the cemetery on the farm of Nicholas Wells, near the Ohio river, in Tyler county, West Virginia. Capt. Henry Jolly was a citizen of Grandview township, Washington county, Ohio, and owned and resided on the farm now in possession of Zachariah Zane, near Grandview, Ohio. He was elected and served as Justice of the Peace for several years, and was Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Washington county, Ohio, for several terms, and also represented Washington county in the Legislature. Prior to his removal to Washington county he made a hazardous trip to Kentucky and brought home, Grist to Wheeling in a canoe. He finally removed with his daughter to Licking county, Ohio, and died at an advanced age.

John Grist died at Wegee, Belmont county, Ohio, and some of his heirs are still living in that vicinity.

There are two of Henry Jolly's grandsons living in Phillipsburg, Beaver county, Pa.

This is my own recollection. I am in my seventy-ninth year and am a daughter-in-law of Capt. Henry Jolly. Residence New Matamoras, Washington county, Ohio. ELIZABETH JOLLY.

I can certify that the above facts are true as far as memory serves me. Capt. Henry Jolly was a very highly esteemed citizen, as many others can testify. ELIZABETH HIGGS.

**DIED.**  
MAXWELL.—On Monday afternoon, May 11, 1874, at 4 o'clock, HARRIET W., wife of John L. Maxwell, aged 38 years.

Funeral from the residence of her husband, No. 81, on 12th street (old Centre), on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

**BULL.**—On Sunday, May 3, 1874, in Marysville, Union county, Ohio, Mrs. JAMES THOMSON, widow of John D. Bull, aged 82.

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